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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.  - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.13 after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period w  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute,  - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).	6(a). In no event, however, may a reply be time within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days ill apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from cause the application to become ABANDONE	nely filed s will be considered timelthe mailing date of this of D (35 U.S.C. § 133).	y. ommunication.					
Status  1)   ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 N	March 2002							
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3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.  Disposition of Claims								
4) Claim(s) is/are pending in the application	on.							
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw			•					
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.	William Conditional	•						
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.								
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7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.  8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	dection requirement							
Application Papers								
9)⊠ The specification is objected to by the Examiner		•						
10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>06 <i>March 2002</i></u> is/are: a)□ accepted or b)⊠ objected to by the Examiner.								
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).								
11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.								
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.								
12)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.								
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120								
13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).								
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:								
<ol> <li>Certified copies of the priority documents</li> </ol>								
2. Certified copies of the priority documents								
<ul> <li>3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> <li>* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</li> </ul>								
14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic	c priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(	e) (to a provisiona	l application).					
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.  15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.								
Attachment(s)								
1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s)	5) Notice of Informal	y (PTO-413) Paper No Patent Application (PT n .						
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**DETAILED ACTION** 

The amendment filed 3/6/2002 proposes amendments to the specification and the

claims that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b), which sets forth the manner of making

amendments in reissue applications. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue

application is required. The amendments do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b) because all

newly added materials are not underlined and all removed materials are not in brackets []. In

sheet 1 of the drawing, "Amended" is not added under "Fig. 3."

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or

THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

should be directed to (Jackie) Tan-Uyen T. Ho whose telephone number is (703) 306-3421.

The examiner can normally be reached on MULTIFLEX Mon. to Sat..

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